

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 14, and 18 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
a storage section to store data for electric power condition during automatic operation of said information processing apparatus; and
an input/output control section to give and receive information to/from an input/output device based on said data stored in said storage section,
wherein said input/output control section gives instruction about said electric power condition to said input/output device, during said automatic operation, regardless of whether ~~or not~~ input data from said input/output device or output data to said input/output device is transferred.

2. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage section stores a management table showing a relationship between time and electric power saving control instruction of said input/output device, and
said input/output control section gives said instruction to said input/output device according to said management table.

3. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said instruction are given to allow predetermined electric power condition to be maintained for a predetermined time period.

4. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said input/output device is a display device, and
said instruction are given to limit brightness of said display device.

5. (Currently Amended) A program product executable by a computer for allowing

an information processing apparatus to give instruction about electric power condition to an input/output device during automatic operation of said information processing apparatus, regardless of whether or not input data from said input/output device or output data to said input/output device is transferred.

6. (Original) A program product according to claim 5, wherein said input/output device is a display device, and
said output data is image data.

7. (Currently Amended) An information processing system comprising: an information processing apparatus comprising a storage section to store data for electric power condition during automatic operation of said information processing apparatus; and an input/output device,
wherein said information processing apparatus comprises an input/output control section to give and receive information to/from said input/output device,
said input/output control section gives instruction about said electric power condition to said input/output device during said automatic operation, regardless of whether or not input data from said input/output device or output data to said input/output device is transferred, and
said input/output device controls said electric power condition based on said instruction.

8. (Original) An information processing system according to claim 7, wherein said input/output device is an LCD comprising a backlight.

9. (Original) An information processing system according to claim 8, wherein said input/output device is the LCD comprising the backlight, and
said LCD limits brightness of said backlight by reducing output electric power of an inverter for driving a cold-cathode tube or by shortening an illuminating time period in a lighting control cycle.

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:
storing data for electric power condition during automatic operation of an information processing apparatus in a storage section; and
giving and receiving information to/from an input/output device by an input/output control section based on said electric power condition,

wherein said input/output control section gives instruction about said electric power condition to said input/output device during said automatic operation, regardless of whether or not input data from said input/output device or output data to said input/output device is transferred.

11. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

storing a management table showing a relationship between time and electric power saving control instruction of the input/output device; and

giving instruction by said input/output control section to said input/output device according to said management table.

12. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 10, wherein said instruction is given to allow predetermined electric power condition to be maintained for a predetermined time period.

13. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 10, wherein said input/output device is a display device, and
said instruction are given to limit brightness of the display device.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:
storing data for electric power condition during automatic operation of an information processing apparatus in a storage section in an information processing apparatus; and
giving and receiving information between said information processing apparatus and an input/output device by an input/output control section,

wherein said input/output control section gives instruction about electric power condition to said input/output device during said automatic operation, regardless of whether or not input data from said input/output device or output data to said input/output device is transferred, and
said input/output device controls said electric power condition based on said instruction.

15. (Original) An information processing method according to claim 14, wherein said input/output device is an LCD comprising a backlight.

16. (Original) An information processing method according to claim 15, wherein said

input/output device is the LCD comprising the backlight, and

said LCD limits brightness of said backlight by reducing output electric power of an inverter for driving a cold-cathode tube or by shortening an illuminating time period in a lighting control cycle.

17. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 10, wherein said input/output device is a speaker, and said instruction are given to reduce an output of said speaker during a predetermined time period.

18. (Currently Amended) An electric power reduction monitor management method, wherein a task management application program for relating time to power saving setting of the monitor device during automatic operation of an information processing apparatus is stored in a computer terminal in advance and electric power saving control of said monitor device is performed according to the setting of said task management application program during said automatic operation, even when a video signal is input to said monitor device from said computer terminal.